

communication terminal may call the terminal from a predesignated calling terminal to prevent the mobile communication terminal from being used by unauthorized persons.

10. (new) A mobile communication terminal as set forth in claim 8, wherein said preselected caller ID information includes a caller's number and a caller's name corresponding to the caller's number, and a voice mail control code associated with a caller's number for allowing a caller to set a voice mail option in said mobile communication terminal from a predesignated calling terminal whereby a voice mail function in said mobile communication terminal may be set up remotely by an authorized user as identified from said stored caller number.

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration is requested.

Initially, the Examiner is requested to acknowledge the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document No. 10-277652 filed in Japan on September 30, 1998.

The rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sheerin, U.S. Patent No. 5,748,709 in view of Drake, U.S. Patent No. 5,832,062, and further in view of Fuller et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,610,970, Chin, U.S. Patent No. 5,661,788, and Oshima, U.S. Patent No. 6,081,704, are respectfully traversed to the extent that these grounds of rejection may be applied to claims 6-10 now pending. The Examiner proposes to add the "timer means" (i.e., real-time clock) 50 of the Drake answering machine system to the Sheerin answering machine.

Sheerin discloses a multiple user answering machine having a different voice mailbox for each user of the machine. Each user has an individual call answering message stored in his mailbox that is played to a caller directed to that voice mailbox. In addition, there is a general or "home" voice mailbox. The Sheerin system contains a database of caller ID information associated with user voice mailbox identification.

When an incoming call is received, the caller ID information is checked against the database to determine whether it is associated with a particular user's mailbox. If so, the system plays a call answering message associated with the user's mailbox, and the

caller leaves a voice message in the user's mailbox. If not, the caller is routed to the home mailbox where an answering message is played and the caller leaves a message in the home mailbox.

Drake discloses an automated voice message generation system, wherein a user's appointment data as entered into a computer system is used to generate a call answering message based on the date and time of the received call. For instance, if an incoming call is received at 10 a.m. on September 7, the system checks to determine if appointment data exists for that date and time. If so, the appointment text data is sent to a voice synthesizer to generate an answering message incorporating the appointment text data so as to specify to the caller the reason that the user is not available to answer the call.

In both Sheerin and Drake, every caller to a specific user will receive the same message. In other words, both Sheerin and Drake disclose the customization of a call answering message based on the identity of the called party only, not the calling party. In contrast, according to the present invention, a caller to a mobile communication terminal will receive a call answering message that is associated with the caller ID and the time of the incoming call. Consequently, no combination of Sheerin and Drake would achieve the invention of claim 6, wherein incoming calls for the same user of the mobile communication terminal are capable of receiving different call answering messages based on the received caller ID, and the time that the incoming call from a particular caller as identified by the caller ID is received.

None of the Fuller, Chin or Oshima references cures the basic deficiencies of the main proposed prior art combination with respect to claim 6, and consequently none of those references renders any of claims 7-10 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

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In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the outstanding grounds of rejection, and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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